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TAGS: OREP (BAYH, BIRCH)

SUBJECT: CODEL BAYH

1. SENATOR BIRCH BAYH, MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS WILL TRAVEL TO JAPAN SEPTEMBER 2 THROUGH 10. THE SENATOR IS INTERESTED IN LOOKING AT THE VARIOUS MASS TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN JAPAN, SPECIFICALLY THE ADVANCED GUIDEWAY SYSTEM (AGP SYSTEM), MAGLEV RESEARCH AND ALSO SPEND SOME TIME WITH THE JAPANESE NATIONAL RAILROAD PEOPLE AT THEIR TECHNICAL RESEARCH CENTER AND WOULD LIKE TO TRAVEL ON THE TOKAIDO LINE FROM TOKYO TO KYUSHI. SENATOR BAYH WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND COMMITTEE STAFF ASSISTANT MR JAMES ENGLISH AS WELL AS ONE OR TWO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICIALS.

2. EXACT TIMES OF ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AND REQUEST FOR HOTELS WILL BE SUBJECT OF LATER TELEGRAM BUT IN THE MEANTIME IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE EMBASSY COULD DRAW UP A SUGGESTED PROGRAM FOR THE SENATOR'S APPROVAL. HE WISHES TO BE SCHEDULED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 7, 8, AND 9 ONLY.

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3. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH WHOM SENATOR HAS

BEEN CONFERRING, HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING FOR INCLUSION
IN CODEL'S PROGRAM:

ADVANCED GUIDEWAY SYSTEM (AGP SYSTEM)

(A) THE VONA SYSTEM AT MITSUI AND CO., CONTACT: MR HARADI
MANAGER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS DIVISION NSSKL

(B) KAWASAKI CONTROLLED VEHICLE (KCV) AT KAWASAKI HEAVY
INDUSTRIES LTD. CONTACT: MR. TOSHIO MIYBMOTO, SENIOR
MANAGER KCV SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.

(C) COMPUTER CONTROLLED VEHICLE SYSTEM AT THE JAPANESE
SOCIETY FOR PROMOTION OF MACHINE INDUSTRY. UNIVERSITY OF
TOKYO DESIGN TEAM. CONTACT: DR. TAKEMOCHI, DEPT OF M.E.
AT THE UNIVERSITY.

MAGLEV:

APPOINTMENT WITH MAGLEV RESEARCH DIRECTOR Y. KYOTANI

FOLLOWING THREE SYSTEMS TO LOOK AT:

(A) THE REPULSIVE SYSTEM (SECOND GENERATION VEHICLE WHICH
IS CAPABLE OF TRAVELLING UP TO 500 KILOMETERS PER
HOUR)

(B) ATTRACTIVE SYSTEM: PRIVATE VENTURE WITH JAPAN AIRLINE

(C) GOVERNMENT SYSTEM: EML-50

VISIT TO EXPO 75 SITE ON OKINAWA KOBE RAPID TRANSIT

VIEW TOKYO SUBWAY AND THE TUNNEL CONNECTING HOKKAIDO
AND HONSHU.

4. SENATOR'S TRAVEL WILL BE OFFICIAL AND FUNDING INFO WILL
BE SENT SOONEST. ROBINSON

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